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Resolution No. 99-186 N.C.S.
of the City of Petaluma, California

SEP 22 1999

ATTEST
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT (CALFED) IN THEIR EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY LONG-TERM
SOLUTIONS THAT WILL RESTORE ECOLOGICAL HEALTH AND IMPROVE
WATER MANAGMEENT FOR BENEFICIAL USES OF THE BAY/DELTA
ESTUARY WATER SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the health of the San Francisco Bay/Delta estuary and the diverse
ecosystems it supports are fundamental to the environmental well-being of the entire Bay Area;
and

WHEREAS, much of the Bay Area's economic vitality is supported by the Bay/Delta
estuary, including industries such as tourism, recreational and commercial fishing; and

WHEREAS, the Bay/Delta estuary's health is in rapid decline, manifested by various
indicators including dramatic reductions in fish populations, the diversion of over 50 percent of
its flows from the watershed's rivers, the loss of over 85 percent of historic wetlands, and the
discharge of 40,000 tons of pollutants into the Bay; and

WHEREAS, since 1994, the federal government and the State of California, in
conjunction with agricultural, urban and environmental stakeholders, have undertaken an effort
to address the remarkably complex water resource issues of the Bay/Delta ecosystem through a
process known as CALFED; and

WHEREAS, in the CALFED process, the current public comment period for the Draft
Programmatic EIR/EIS provides a critical opportunity for input on the issues affecting the San
Francisco Bay/Delta estuary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Petaluma City Council does hereby
identify that the following essential elements must be incorporated into future policies and
programs undertaken by the CALFED process:


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1. A guarantee that there will be adequate freshwater flows into the Bay. The San Francisco Bay/Delta estuary's historic freshwater flows have been reduced by half. Currently, there exists a need for science-based standards that establish minimum flows of freshwater into the Bay. Adequate flows will benefit the entire estuary in diverse ways, including improving water quality, supporting biological diversity, and the health of all of the Bay/Delta's estuary's ecosystems.
2. Water conservation by all users. Equitable water conservation practices must be required and enforced for all users throughout California. Managing demand through conservation practices and greater water use efficiency can eliminate or substantially reduce the need to construct new storage facilities. Until conservation practices and demand management have been implemented and monitored, the construction of new storage facilities should not be initiated.
3. A fair share of funding for Bay Area environmental restoration efforts. The EPA's Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP), BCDC's San Francisco Bay Plan, and the RWQCB's Bay Basin Plan all establish numerous beneficial measures that must be taken to protect and restore habitat and improve fish and wildlife in the Bay/Delta estuary. Of the most recent funding package, only 5% came to projects in the region. Funding to implement these recommended programs must be brought up to levels that are appropriately proportional to budgets for environmental restoration in other parts of the State.

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Under the power and authority conferred upon this Council by the Charter of said City.

REFERENCE: I hereby certify the foregoing Resolution was introduced and adopted by the Council of the City of Petaluma at a (Regular) (~~Adjourned~~) (~~Special~~) meeting on the 21st day of September, 1999, by the following vote:

Approved as to form

City Attorney

AYES: Healy, Torliatt, Cader-Thompson, Maguire, Vice Mayor Keller, Mayor Thompson

NOES: None

ABSENT: Hamilton

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Original signed by
Beverly J. Kline
City Clerk

Original signed by
E. Clark Thompson, Mayor
Mayor